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SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP ON SENATOR JAVITS' TRIP

REFS: STATE 10769 LIMA 0417

1. FOR SUMMARY OF SENATOR JAVITS' VISIT TO LIMA
AND REPORT OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH FINANCE MINISTER
BARUA, FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR, AND PRESIDENT
MORALES BERMUDEZ, SEE LIMA 0417 OF JANUARY 15 WHICH
PROBABLY CROSSED WITH A DEPTTEL 10769 OF JANUARY 16.

2. DESPITE SENATOR'S DECISIONS TO SHORTEN SCHEDULED
TWO-DAY VISIT TO LIMA TO ONE AFTERNOON AND EVENING
TO ACCOMMODATE EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE FOR PANAMA
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TORRIJOS, LIMA VISIT COVERED
ALL POINTS, INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS OF INTEREST TO
THE SENATOR, INCLUDING EARLY MORNING CALL ON PRESI-
DENT MORALES BERMUDEZ WITH ASSIST BY FINMIN BARUA.
THERE WERE NO HITCHES IN ARRANGEMENTS AND PROGRAM WAS
HIGHLY SATISFACTORY TO THE SENATOR AND VERY USEFUL FROM
EMBASSY - USG VIEWPOINT. COVERAGE BY LIMA SECTORIZED
PRESS WAS OUTSTANDING IN QUANTITY AND VERY POSITIVE IN
NATURE. CALLS ON TOP OFFICIALS COUPLED WITH COUNTRY
TEAM LUNCH, MEETING AT RESIDENCE WITH US BUSINESSMEN
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AND DINNER WITH REPRESENTATIVE PRUVIAN BUSINESSMEN

PROVIDED SENATOR WITH EXCELLENT OVERALL FEELING FOR PERUVIAN SITUATION AND HIS FRANK, FORTHCOMING AND INFORMED COMMENTS PROVIDED ALL CONCERNED WITH MUCH APPRECIATED BRIEFING ON US SCENE AND MOOD IN CONGRESS.

3. TO PERUVIAN OFFICIALS SENATOR EXPRESSED HIGHLY BELIEVABLE SYMPATHY FOR REVOLUTIONARY REFORMS UNDERWAY HERE FOR BENEFIT OF PERUVIAN PEOPLE, WHILE DEFENDING ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR, BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL, IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. IN CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ, SENATOR WAS ABLE WITHOUT OFFENSE TO DISCUSS US CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC ATTITUDES (NOT SYMPATHETIC) TOWARD MILITARY GOVERNMENTS IN GENERAL AND TO RECOMMEND CARE TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROGRESS TOWARD POPULAR ELECTIONS. (IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH ME JAVITS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SIMILAR CONVERSATION WITH FORMER PRESIDENT VELASCO WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE AND MADE POINT THAT IN BEING FRANK WITH MORALES BERMUDEZ HE WISHED TO INDICATE HIS EMPATHY TOWARD THE PRESIDENT, HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS HE FACES AND HIS DESIRE TO BE A REAL FRIEND.) THE SENATOR WAS ALSO EXTREMELY WELL IMPRESSED WITH FINANCE MINISTER BARUA AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF HIS ROLE AS FIRST CIVILIAN MINISTER IN CABINET OF PERUVIAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT. SENATOR STRUCK A RESPONSIVE CHORD AT OUTSET OF WIDE-RANGING CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN DE LA FLOR BY REFERRING TO LATTER'S CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SECRETARY. DE LA FLOR ACKNOWLEDGED THE RELATIONSHIP AND SAID HE STILL HOPED FOR A VISIT BY THE SECRETARY AS A MEASURE OF HIS INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA.
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